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Increased Federal Funding to State's Homeland Security Program to Benefit California's Anti-Terrorism Efforts

But Cuts to Two Major California Cities Are Troubling

Sacramento – The federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today released its FY 07 grant allocations in which California's total funding from the various grant programs will increase nearly \$11 million dollars overall. As DHS has made these grant programs more risk and competitively based, California has increased its share of the available funding nationwide from 11% two years ago to 15% this year.

"We are pleased by the overall funding increase to the State of California and what cities like San Diego and San Francisco will be able to do with additional funds, but we are concerned that two of California's major cities will receive less money," said Office of Homeland Security Director Matthew Bettenhausen.

The two major grant programs announced today are the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. The grant funding from these and the other grant programs announced today can be used for equipment, training, exercises, citizen preparedness and critical infrastructure protection projects.

California's allocation from the SHSGP grants will increase by \$8.3 million, for a total of over \$56 million. This represents an increase of 17% over California's FY 06 allocation. This increase was achieved despite the fact that the available funding nationwide for these grants was reduced by \$40 million. The California Office of Homeland Security distributes 80% of this funding to local jurisdictions for homeland security improvements and the remaining 20% is used to support statewide projects and agency initiatives.

California has five urban areas that are eligible to compete for funding under the USAI grant program. They are: the Bay Area, Los Angeles County Area, Orange County Area, San Diego Area and Sacramento Area.

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Three of California's five urban areas will receive increased allocations by US-DHS this year:

- **San Diego's** allocation will double to \$16 million for FY 07, compared to the \$8 million DHS allocated to this urban area last year.
- The **San Francisco Bay area** will receive \$34 million in 2007, compared to \$28.3 million awarded in 2006.
- **Orange County and Anaheim/Santa Ana** were allocated \$13.8 million in 2007, compared to \$12 million in 2006.

However, the Los Angeles and Sacramento urban areas have had their allocations reduced by DHS this year:

- **Los Angeles area** will receive \$72.6 million in 2007, compared to \$80.6 million in 2006.
- **Sacramento** will receive \$4.2 million in 2007, compared to \$7.4 million in 2006.

Director Bettenhausen said, "I am pleased that San Diego, Orange County and the San Francisco Bay Areas will receive increased funding this year; however, the significant decreases in funding for Los Angeles and Sacramento is very disappointing and troubling." The Director added, "There should be absolutely no question that Los Angeles and the surrounding communities should not have seen a reduction in funding by DHS given their population, and the threats and consequences of a potential terrorist attack in the Los Angeles area."

As to the decreased funding for Sacramento, Director Bettenhausen said, "I find it perplexing that the seat of government for the nation's largest economy and a fast growing urban area had its funding so dramatically reduced by DHS this year."

Governor Schwarzenegger has instructed Director Bettenhausen to work with DHS and these local partners to determine how DHS reached such allocation decisions and to improve the process next year to ensure that the federal government's formulas fairly and accurately allocate funds based on risk and need.

Last year, DHS had planned to drop Sacramento and San Diego from the FY 07 grant eligibility list but the Governor's administration successfully lobbied to prevent such action. After a number of meetings between State and DHS officials, including meetings between Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff, as well as efforts by members of California's congressional delegation and local leaders in San Diego and Sacramento, DHS announced that both San Diego and Sacramento would remain eligible for funds this year.

For more information on the specifics of the Homeland Security Grants, please see our website at www.ohs.ca.gov.

Fact Sheet: Federal Homeland Security Grant Programs



Governor's Office of Homeland Security

Californians benefit from several federal homeland security grants. The primary programs are the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. There are also some specialized grant programs, such as the Citizen Corp Program (CCP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) and the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS).

SHSGP

The SHSGP provides funding for specialized equipment, exercises, training, and planning. 80 percent of the program's funding is awarded to each of the State's 58 operational areas for the benefit of all first responders in the county. The remaining 20 percent is awarded to State agencies and special projects for domestic counter-terrorism and all hazard preparedness efforts.

The State's funding plan has a requirement to ensure fire safety, law enforcement and public health disciplines receive a fair share of the funds and foster coordination among public safety agencies. Funds distributed within an operational area are allocated with a requirement that at least 20 percent is invested to support the fire service, law enforcement and public health sectors. The remaining 40 percent may be allocated at the discretion of the five member approval body as long as the focus meets the federal guidance as allowable investments. Investment decisions of the approval body are also guided by working groups with wide ranging representation that make recommendations to the approval body. Local approval bodies are encouraged to include additional, non-voting members to these groups to enhance multi-discipline planning and preparedness efforts.

The amount of money awarded to each county operational area is calculated on a minimal "base-plus-population" formula. Grant funds may be used for specified equipment (e.g. personal protective gear, explosive mitigation devices, detection equipment, hazmat response equipment, responder gear, etc.), as well as for training, exercises and planning activities. With the exception of personnel used for planning and administrative activities, the grant does not cover the cost of operational personnel. The grant also does not cover the use of grant funding for brick and mortar construction projects. Additionally, federal guidelines prevent this grant funding from being used to acquire fire engines or squad cars. The Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFGP), however, does provide funding for the purchase of fire engines and other fire equipment.

UASI

The UASI Program provides financial assistance to address the unique multi-disciplinary planning, operations, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and to assist them in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. UASI funding remains primarily focused on enhancing capabilities to address WMD, agriculture, and cyber-terrorism incidents; however, in support of national ongoing preparedness initiatives addressing such issues as pandemic influenza, the allowable scope of UASI Program activities was expanded in FY 2006 to include catastrophic events, provided that these activities also build capabilities that relate to terrorism. The federal Department of Homeland Security designates urban areas eligible for funding under this program and also determines each urban area's level of funding.

LETPP

LETPP provides State and local law enforcement communities with funds to support the following prevention activities: information sharing to preempt terrorist attacks; target hardening to reduce vulnerability of selected high value targets; recognition and mapping of potential or developing threats; interoperable communications; and, interdiction of terrorists before they can execute a threat or intervention activities that prevent terrorists from executing a threat. Like SHSGP, 80% of these funds are allocated to all 58 operational areas using a "base-plus-population" formula.

CCP

Citizen Corps was created to promote an understanding of our personal responsibilities for preparedness and by providing training and volunteer service opportunities to foster citizen participation to help make our communities and our nation safer. In recent years, OHS has allocated nearly all of the funds in this grant to either the California Office of Emergency Services or California Volunteers to support citizen preparedness activities.

MMRS

The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) program assists highly populated jurisdictions to develop plans, conduct training and exercises, and acquire pharmaceuticals and personal protective equipment, to achieve the enhanced capability necessary to respond to a mass casualty event caused by a WMD terrorist act. This assistance supports the jurisdictions' activities to increase their response capabilities during the first hours crucial to lifesaving and population protection, with their own resources, until significant external assistance can arrive. MMRS funds are designated by the federal government to specific jurisdictions.